

runs about \$14, additional \$14, per employee. With that brief explanation, there may be others on the Appropriations Committee, or others in the Legislature, who have worked with this over the years that would like to explain more of the benefits of the Employee Information System.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Warner, if he would yield. How much additional money is appropriated to the NEIS program here in LB 547?

SENATOR WARNER: It's \$345,000. The cover sheet that I passed out this morning was prepared by DAS Accounting. It shows the annual amount of appropriation that has occurred each of the last three years, then the amount that would be the additional amount required for this year.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you Senator Warner. I would like to call your attention to the fact that the initial appropriation for this program was contained in LB 532. The initial figure here, if some of you are interested in some of the larger things, was \$284,100 for the Nebraska Employees Information System. This figure of \$284,100 was then amended by the committee and was increased from \$284,100 to \$343,900. Now, with LB 547, we are adding an additional \$345,000. So this system will cost us, in one year, \$693,900. I, so far, fail to comprehend why this Employee Information System costs a total of \$693,900. If anybody would like to discuss that, before I have to vote on that, I would certainly appreciate that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I would like to try to attempt to respond to Senator George that there was an overrun cost in time involved in getting all of this information on line. Some of it is directly due, not all but some of it is directly due, to the fact that the University did not come in with their information as we had originally anticipated they would do. Some of it simply was that it took longer to get all this information into the computers than had been planned. So this is primarily the additional computer time itself for the three hundred plus thousand dollars.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you like to close debate.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, there is, I think, no additional explanation I have to make. The dollar amount is what it is. I don't see that there is much, apparently, that we can do. The state has the debt to meet. I think the money should be appropriated.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Please vote. Senator Swigart, are you going to vote? Going to get any of your friends? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 540.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 540, this just came to General File, so the committee amendments will not be found in your bill book. Read title to LB 540. There are committee amendments by Senator Frank Lewis' Education Committee.